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Lebanon

Tripoli Clashes -- "Guarded clam" prevailed in Tripoli following "violent and severe clashes" that resulted in about 70 dead and 186 wounded, Beirut radio reported. Prime Minister Rashid Karami maintained constant contact with northern leaders in order to halt the fighting, but security violations continued.

Syrian Diplomacy -- Amal movement leader Minister Nabih Birri and Progressive Socialist Party leader Minister Walid Junblatt briefed Prime Minister Karami on their talks in Damascus with Syrian Vice President 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam, Beirut radio reported. The Damascus meeting was also joined by leaders of the Palestinian National Alliance, Radio Monte Carlo added. In remarks broadcast by the radio following the Damascus meeting, Junblatt disclosed that the talks centered on various political, security, and developmental issues, particularly the south.

Meanwhile, Syrian presidential envoy Major General Muhammad al-Khuli met with former President Sulayman Franjiyah and his son Robert, Ihdin Radio of Free and Unified Lebanon reported. Al-Khuli, who was accompanied by Syrian Social Nationalist Party leader 'Islam al-Mahayri, discussed the consolidation and strengthening of existing ties.

Israel

'Ezer Weizman's Yahad Movement and Yiga'el Hurvitz's Ometz Movement have decided to join a coalition with the Alignment bloc led by Labor Party leader Shim'on Peres, Jerusalem Television reported. The Likud bloc's chances of forming their own coalition have therefore "disappeared," the television concluded. Reacting to this development, the National Religious Party, Agudat Yisra'el, and other parties have "hinted" that they also will join an Alignment-led coalition, Jerusalem radio noted. The radio's English service disclosed that according to the Alignment-Yahad agreement, new elections will be held by December if other smaller parties do not join the new coalition after an emergency period. Meanwhile, Alignment-Likud negotiations for a unity government continued, Jerusalem Television reported. While there has been "some progress," disagreements center on the establishment of new settlements and the future of existing ones. Negotiations with Jordan were also discussed by the two blocs, the television added.

Iran

Government forces captured important strategic areas used by the "Ba'thist mercenaries and the counterrevolutionaries" of the Democratic Party of Kordestan, according to a military dispatch cited by Tehran Radio. In the operations, 20 members of the party were killed, including 4 "founder members," the radio added. The clandestine Free Voice of Iran radio confirmed that government forces had launched "large-scale attacks" in Kordestan, and stated that hundreds of "defenseless" Kurds had been killed. Kurdish fighters inflicted "heavy casualties" on the government forces during the clashes, the radio added.

Pakistan-DRA

Afghan forces again shelled the Teri Mangal border area, killing three Afghan refugees and injuring five others, Karachi radio reported. The Foreign Ministry lodged a "strong protest" regarding the incident, the fifth attack in 7 days.

Red Sea

A high-level Egyptian military source cited by MENA stated that there are "suspicious" that the Libyan vessel Ghat had deposited mines in the Red Sea. The source added that the clearing operations will be extended to Sudanese waters and that Italian and Dutch minesweepers will join the Egyptian, U.S., French, British, and Soviet groups already in the Red Sea area. He affirmed that no mines have yet been discovered.

In a separate development, Saudi King Fahd officially opened the King Faysal Naval Base at Jidda during an inauguration ceremony reported by Riyadh radio.

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REBELS SURRENDER IN SEVERAL PROVINCES

LD211638 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 21 Aug 84

[Text] In the course of successful operations carried out recently by the brave security forces in Herat, Paktika, Badakhshan, Vardak, and Nangarhar Provinces, a number of armed rebels who were disrupting the peaceful lives of the inhabitants of these provinces on the orders of their American masters, were crushed. The security forces seized assorted weapons and ammunition and destroyed arms and ammunitions stores.

A BAKHTAR correspondent reports from Herat Province that 50 deceived persons who, as a result of the counterrevolution's propaganda, stood in the ranks of the criminal rebels, realized the truth of the SAWR revolution and the lofty objectives of the PDPA, took advantage of the amnesty decree of the DRA Revolutionary Council Presidium, and surrendered themselves to the security authorities. They also surrendered their arms and pledged to defend the gains of the SAWR revolution to the last breath and to struggle for the construction of a new and just society.

CLANDESTINE REPORTS MUJAHIDIN ATTACKS

GF211736 (Clandestine) Voice of Islamic Revolution of Afghanistan in Pashto 1700 GMT 21 Aug 84

[Summary] Reports received from mujahidin sources indicate that the Soviet occupationists and the Karmal puppet regime soldiers during the past 2 weeks have increased their activity in the southern regions of Afghanistan. Our Muslim mujahidin attacked the enemy in Paktia and Lowgar Provinces and along the Lowgar-Kabul highway, inflicting heavy losses of life.

According to our correspondent, the Soviet-Karmal soldiers have been on the defensive in Paktia and Lowgar Provinces. Our mujahidin have destroyed a Soviet camp in Paktia and killed 200 soldiers.

KABUL SEES DISPUTE AMONG REBEL BANDS

LD212222 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 21 Aug 84

[By BAKHTAR political commentator]

[Excerpts] Disagreements and killings among the counterrevolutionary bands are becoming even more the true characteristics of relations among the bands. Despite the hysterical efforts of reaction and imperialism, which spend millions of dollars and use promises, enticement, and intimidation to unify the counterrevolutionary bands of Afghanistan, the deadly disagreements of the various counterrevolutionary bands are daily spreading in a bloody manner.

No one can better and more clearly expose the evil and treacherous nature of the counterrevolutionary bands than the ringleaders of the counterrevolutionary bands, as they know each other very well, because they are fed in the same stable and they are aware of each other's treachery and criminal secrets.

Among the hireling escapees is the deposed, crownless and fugitive king who dreams of regaining his kingdom in Afghanistan, and who from palaces in Rome directs an American style crusade against the homeland, people and our revolution.

U.S. imperialism has taken out from hiding Zahir Shah as a last hope and has sent him to the battlefront of the so-called crusade so that he might become the center of a gathering and organization of other servants of imperialism in the unholy war against our country. However, events have shown that not only the people of Afghanistan curse this naturally corrupt person who has been rejected by the people; even the most criminal and black ringleaders of the counterrevolution who regard him as their potential rival in these games and conspiracies of imperialism and who are afraid that the generosity of U.S. imperialism will be diverted to him, have started to expose this hated person.

In a document signed by (Borhanuddin Rabani), a ringleader of the (Jami'et) band, addressing the followers of the band, the nature of Zahir Shah's efforts to organize counterrevolutionaries in the so-called tribal assembly and sham council, is exposed.

The document says in part that Zahir Shah, this murderer of millions of innocent Muslims of Afghanistan, who until yesterday was engaged in drinking wine and having an easy life in the cabarets of Italy, today wants, by raising his wine-glass, to convene a so-called tribal assembly outside the country with the cooperation of three dirty bands against the wish and determination of the people of Afghanistan.

The document says in another part: you residents of the royal palace have done nothing else but trade in arms, plunder the mujahidin's capital, spread insults, and shed streams of blood.

The document warned all those who take part in the American assembly manufactured and made by Zahir Shah that the death sentence awaits them.

This is the nature of the relations between the jackal groups who tear each other to pieces on the decomposed carcass of dollars, American weapons, and desire for further generosity from the American masters.

RAMA RAO VOICES 'SATISFACTION' WITH MEETING

BK211622 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 21 Aug 84

[Text] Mr N.T. Rama Rao met the president at the Rashtrapati Bhavan [President's House] in New Delhi today along with the [Andhra Pradesh] Members of Legislative Assembly [MLA's] supporting him. They submitted a memorandum to Giani Zail Singh in which they claimed that Mr Rama Rao still commands majority in the assembly and he should be asked to form the government. If necessary, he would seek a vote of confidence within 24 hours. The memorandum also demanded the removal of the governor.

According to the general secretary of the Telugu Desam, Mr P. Upendra, 162 MLA's were present at the meeting with the president. Mr Rama Rao expressed satisfaction over the meeting with Giani Zail Singh. He told a news conference that the president assured the delegation that he would do justice within his powers under the Constitution. Mr Rama Rao alleged that the governor's action was undemocratic and the move to dismiss his ministry was preplanned. In agitating against the dismissal, his only aim is to save democracy in the country, as he put it.

Fourteen opposition leaders also met the president and urged him to order the reinstatement of Mr Rama Rao and recall the governor. They said an emergency session of the state legislative assembly should be called to enable Mr Rama Rao to prove his majority on the floor of the house. The delegation was led by Mr Charan Singh of the Lok Dal and included among others Mr Chandra Shekhar, Janata; Mr Vajpayee, Bhartiya Janata Party; Mr Rajeshwar Rao, Communist Party of India; Mr Bahuguna, Democratic Socialist Party; Mr Sharad Pawar, Congress-S; and Mr Danapane, Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam.

OPPOSITION STAGES WALK OUT OVER RAMA RAO AFFAIR

OW212032 Hong Kong AFP in English 1907 GMT 21 Aug 84

[Text] New Delhi, Aug 21 (AFP) -- The Parliament tonight rejected the opposition motion on the dismissal of Rama Rao Ministry in Andhra Pradesh by the state governor last week.

The Interior Minister justified that the governor, Ram Lal, was within his right under the Constitution to exercise his discretion in the way he did.

Before the minister's reply in the Lower House, almost the entire opposition walked out of the house announcing their decision to boycott the proceedings for the day.

The opposition in the Upper House also staged a walk out as junior Interior Minister P. Venkatasubbaiah was protesting against the minister's "unsatisfactory" reply.

Before the boycott in the Lower House, the opposition secured an assurance from Prime Minister Indira Gandhi that the State Assembly would be convened earlier than one month's time given by the governor to test the majority claim of the new chief minister, Bhaskara Rao.

"I understand that the chief minister has already announced his decision to advise the governor to advance the date of the convening of the legislative assembly," Mrs. Gandhi said.

Bhaskara Rao, who was finance minister in the Telugu Desam Party, was appointed as chief minister by the governor after dismissing the Rama Rao ministry on the ground that he had lost majority in the 294-member assembly. [Words indistinct] heads the Telugu Desam Party, today met President Zail Singh to ask for his reinstatement.

A Telegu Desam spokesman said 167 of Mr. Rama Rao's supporters in the state parliament had travelled here to show they still form a majority in the state legislature.

Meanwhile, Bhaskara Rao paraded his legislators before the governor in Hyderabad, the state capital, and claimed that he had the backing of 95 Telugu Desam legislators and the support of 58 Congress (I) legislators, PRESS TRUST OF INDIA reported.

Mr Rama Rao told the press later that he and his supporters had appealed to the highest authority against the "injustice" by the state governor and hoped (?that) justice would be rendered.

The agency said the general strike called by Mr Rama Rao's faction of the party and other opposition parties to protest against the dismissal passed off peacefully today.

Meanwhile, the combined opposition nominee for the vice-presidential election, B.C. Kamble, today appealed to members of Parliament to seriously reflect over the happening in Andhra Pradesh before they exercised franchise in the election tomorrow. He said: "The events in Andhra Pradesh clearly demonstrate duly constituted majority government" in the state. Some 763 members are to participate in the polling to choose between Mr Kamble and the ruling party nominee Ramaswamy Venkataraman who resigned last month as defence minister.

SOVIET VICE PRESIDENT GIVEN CIVIC RECEPTION

BK211321 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 21 Aug 84

[Text] The visiting Soviet vice president, Mr Arnold Rytel, has said that the cooperation between India and the Soviet Union is a bulwark for peace in the world. Speaking at a civic reception in Agra, Mr Rytel said the India-Soviet treaty stood for peace in Asia and the world. The vice chancellor of Agra University, Dr A.P. Mathur, who presided over the function, lauded the interest of the Soviet Union in India's progress and economic development.

MINISTER DENIES RADIO EXPANSION PLAN 'SETBACK'

BK211004 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 21 Aug 84

[Excerpt] The minister of information and broadcasting, Mr H.K.L. Bhagat, today denied in the Lok Sabha that the expansion and development of radio has suffered a setback as a result of the expansion of television. He said the expansion of radio is proceeding according to the sixth plan target. From the existing coverage of 89 percent of the population, it will go up to 95 percent by the end of the plan. Over the last 3 years, more than 2,760 million rupees was spent on radio, which is 600 million rupees more than the amount spent on the expansion of television. Mr Bhagat said regional television centers will be linked with other stations of the state with microwave for better and wider coverage.

3 MORE AFGHAN REFUGEES KILLED IN SHELLING

BK220038 Hong Kong AFP in English 0006 GMT 22 Aug 84

[Text] Islamabad, Aug 22 (AFP) -- Afghan artillery shells killed three more Afghan refugees in Pakistan's north west frontier tribal area and wounded five others Tuesday, official sources said here.

A further Pakistani protest note -- the fifth in seven days -- was to be handed over to the Afghan charge d'affaires here today.

Pakistan said the latest territorial violation brought to 52 the number of people killed by the Soviet-backed Kabul regime in Pakistani territory since August 13.

The high number of "Afghan refugees" listed among the casualties could be explained by the fact that Islamabad does not recognize or admit the presence of anti-Kabul Afghan guerrillas inside Pakistan's border.

Pakistani authorities refer to all Afghans on the Pakistani side of the frontier as refugees, even if they are armed "freedom fighters" using the hill country inside Pakistan's tribal areas along the border as sanctuaries.

Afghan units with Soviet Army support have been shelling the Korram tribal area with medium-range BMLR-25 rockets, according to an informed source in Parachinar, a tribal administration center west of the Khyber Pass. Batteries of truck-launched rockets have been lined up on the road from Gardez, capital of Afghanistan's frontier Province of Paktia, to the guerrilla-besieged garrison of Ali Khel, the source said.

A Western diplomatic source here said it was probable that the Afghan-Soviet forces had assumed a right to "hot pursuit" against Afghan insurgents falling back to Pakistani territory.

Kabul, furthermore, does not recognize the "Durand line" -- the demarcation line drawn between Afghanistan and Pakistan in the rugged terrain long inhabited by Pathan tribesmen.

A tribal assembly held in Parachinar Tuesday "condemned the recent dastardly attacks" from the Afghan side and warned Kabul that the tribesmen "would not hesitate to make any sacrifice for the security of their motherland."

Since rejecting responsibility for two air raids in this sector on August 13-14, the Afghan Government has remained officially silent in the face of Pakistani complaints about further incursions. Diplomatic analysts here generally agree that the Afghan regime is trying to force Pakistan's military rulers to reconsider their tacit support from the guerrillas.

Afghan Envoy Summoned

BK221034 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 22 Aug 84

[Text] The Afghan charge d'affaires was summoned to the Foreign Office today and a strong protest lodged with him at the continuing unprovoked violations of Pakistani territory resulting in the killing of persons and damage to property. He was told that Pakistan reserves its right to act in an appropriate manner in the exercise of its right to self-defense. He was asked to inform the Kabul authorities that if they fail to desist from such wanton aggression, they would be entirely responsible for the consequences.

In the latest incident yesterday, three persons were killed and five wounded in Teri Mangal area of Khurram Agency as a result of artillery fire from the Afghanistan side.

ZIA COMMENTS ON FORTHCOMING VISIT TO ROMANIA

BK211440 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 21 Aug 84

[Text] President Mohammad Ziaul Haq left Islamabad for Bucharest today for a 4-day visit to Romania to take part in the celebrations marking the 40th anniversary of Romania's socialist and national revolution on Thursday.

Talking to newsmen at the airport, the president said that President Ceausescu during his visit to Pakistan had specially invited him to visit Romania and participate in their national celebration. Subsequently, he also sent a message to him inviting him to Romania. Pakistan's participation in celebrations he said, would further strengthen the existing friendly relations between the two countries.

In reply to a question, the president said that a number of heads of state and government would be in the Romanian capital and he would be having an opportunity to meet them and exchange views with them. He told a questioner that the meetings with these leaders would provide an opportunity to discuss bilateral matters and international issues, including Afghanistan.

The president is accompanied by Begum Mohammad Ziaul Haq, federal ministers of finance and commerce and production, and senior officials. He was seen off at the airport among others by the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee, General Rahimuddin Khan; the naval chief, Admiral Tariq Kamal Khan; the air chief, Air Chief Marshal Mohammad Anwar Shamim; chairman of the Majlis-i-Shoora [Federal Advisory Council], federal ministers, members of the diplomatic corps, and senior civil and military officials.

Acting Officials Named

BK211524 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 21 Aug 84

[Text] Pakistan's chief justice, Mr Justice Mohammad Halim, will be the acting president during the president's absence from the country, and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee, General Rahimuddin Khan, will be the acting martial law administrator.

ILLICIT ARMS, AMMO SEIZED BY POLICE; 3 ARRESTED

GF211616 Islamabad THE MUSLIM in English 17 Aug 84 p 1

[Bureau report]

[Text] Peshawar, Aug. 16: A truck load of illicit arms and ammunition was seized by the police at the Shangla Top in Swat District last night while being carried to Penjab via Hazara. Three persons have been arrested.

The seized arms included more than 200 pistols, revolvers and seven mm rifles besides a huge quantity of ammunition. Commissioner, Malakand Division, Shamsheer Khan told THE MUSLIM on telephone that the consignment was on its way to some unknown destination in Punjab and the motive would only be ascertained during interrogation. The route selected by the accused was rather unusual as they intended going via Kohistan. The accused are reported to have revealed the supply source during the preliminary interrogation.

GROUP DEMANDS RELEASE OF ARRESTED STUDENTS

GF211810 Islamabad THE MUSLIM in English 17 Aug 84 p 8

[Text] Karachi, Aug. 16: The Sind Medicos, an organisation of students belonging to the province of Sind, has demanded immediate release of all the students arrested from the hostel of Sind Medical College after the firing incident on August 14 in which one outsider was killed while five students were injured.

Mr. Anwar Ali Soomro, president of Sind Medicos, who is also a boarder of the hostel, addressing a press conference accused the police and the authorities of being partial. "All those who have been arrested are Sindhi students although they were attacked by the other group and the deceased Mohammad Hanif Memon was a guest of a Sindhi student", he added.

He said that not only the police had maltreated the students but also goods worth thousands of rupees including cash, wrist watches, radio and recorders were stolen from their rooms during the eviction operation of the police. He demanded a judicial inquiry into the matter to bring the facts to light.

Narrating the whole episode he said that the students wanted to hoist a black flag along with the national flag to protest against the ban on the student unions and organizations and to mark the martyrs day in memory of those who were killed by police in August last year.

He claimed that as soon the students went to hoist the black flag there was firing from the other side.

In reply to a question he admitted that four pistols were recovered from the possession of Sindhi students but the heavy arms like rifles and shotguns were in possession of the other groups.

He alleged that the police searched rooms in their absence when they were taken into custody. He said that more than 250 students were taken into custody. Most of them were later released but 60 students were still under police custody and being kept in different police stations. "Nobody is allowed to meet them," he added.

He refuted the charge that the national flag was torn or shown any disrespect.

THE MUSLIM ON BORDER TRADE WITH PRC

GF211602 Islamabad THE MUSLIM in English 13 Aug 84 p 8

[By staff reporter]

[Text] Gilgit, Aug. 12: The first round of talks on a fresh border trade protocol between Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the People's Republic of China began in Gilgit today. The Pakistan side was led by the joint secretary commerce division, Tufiq Fehmi, while the Chinese side was led by Abdul Ghafoor Siddique, commissioner Kashgar, Vigar autonomous region of the Sinkiang Province of the People's Republic of China. The head of Pakistan delegation while welcoming the Chinese delegation said that Pakistan and China wished to further promote the already existing friendly and neighbourly ties for mutual benefit of the people of both the countries.

He said that Pakistan and China had three systems of trade, that is regular, barter and border trade.

Mr. Fehmi said that border trade between the northern areas of Pakistan and the Sinkiang Province of the People's Republic of China was symbol of the sincere and true friendship between the people of the bordering regions of China, and Pakistan. The border trade which was started 1969 has now increased to Rs. 4.5 million. He expected this trade will further flourish with the passage of time.

The leader of the Chinese delegation Abdul Ghafoor Siddique expressed his gratitude for the warm welcome and cordial hospitality of the people and northern areas administration and announced the donation of a generating set of 200 m.w. capacity which will be delivered to the Pakistan trade team at Urumchi, the capital of Sinkiang Province.

SRI LANKAAUTHORITIES RELEASE 100 DETAINEES IN NORTH

BK220737 Hong Kong AFP in English 0717 GMT 22 Aug 84

[Text] Colombo, Aug 22 (AFP) -- The Sri Lankan authorities have released about 100 of nearly 500 men detained during a sweep against Tamil separatists in the north earlier this month, officials said here. Those released had been taken under armed escort to Jaffna, the northern capital, and handed over to parents or relatives, the officials said yesterday.

Security forces detained the men, many of them youths, during operations in Velvettithurai and Point Pedro, at the northern tip of the island, shortly after two attacks by suspected Tamil separatists in early August in which three servicemen and a senior police officer were killed.

Residents charged that the youths were taken in after security personnel had asked parents to produce their children for an identity check.

Separatists went on the offensive on August 4 and since then officials say their targets have included police stations, banks and public buildings. According to official figures, at least 97 people have been killed, including 12 service men.

The government blames the violence on what it calls a "long-awaited offensive" by Tamil guerrillas fighting to set up a separate homeland they would call Tamil Eelam.

Four suspected separatists including a woman, were arrested yesterday in Batticaloa, 303 kilometers (189 miles) east of here, officials said, and weapons, including mines were found.

Mr Athulathmudali expects further separatist strikes.

He said late yesterday that reinforcements for the separatists were expected by boat from the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu. The Sri Lankan Government has charged Tamil Nadu with harbouring "terrorists" and of providing camps for combat training. Mr Athulathmudali said that 300-500 hard core separatists were operating in the northern districts and maintains that an equal number are in Tamil Nadu. He said that around 200 to 300 were involved in the recent wave of attacks.

MEDIA OFFICIAL COMMENTS ON PROGRAMS, JAMMING

GF220729 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0443 GMT 22 Aug 84

[Interview with Muhammad Hashemi, managing director of the Voice and Vision of the Islamic Republic of Iran, with unidentified correspondent; in Tehran on 21 August -- recorded]

[Text] [Hashemi] In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate.

The grounds for cooperation, coordination, and joint action between the Foreign Ministry and the Voice and Vision of the Islamic Republic are very extensive, be they on the subject of foreign policy or our external propaganda programs. Following the victory of the Islamic revolution, the Voice and Vision of the Islamic Republic, especially made great investments on the matter of external propaganda. Currently we are present in many parts of the world through powerful radio transmitters and now those people around the world who are interested can know about the achievements of revolution and our philosophical values.

Fortunately, on the basis of the contacts we have and the letters we receive we see that the programs of the Voice and Vision have been warmly received in many countries. In order to carry out this duty further and better and to improve our programs, at opportune times we ask the opinion of our brothers in the Foreign Ministry. This exchange of opinion allows us to understand the effects of our programs in the regions in which we are represented, to improve our weaknesses, strengthen our positive points, and so on. Today's session was held mainly to exchange ideas and coordinate our external programs and learn the ideas and needs of the Foreign Ministry with respect to aid from the Voice and Vision. It was a very successful session and some good decisions were made. God willing, the results of these decisions and their implementation will be beneficial to both organizations.

[Unidentified correspondent] As you mentioned, and this has also been stated by his holiness the imam. He said: Should this message be heard by the oppressed nations of the world, they will all be with us -- the Voice and Vision of the Islamic Republic of Iran has a special duty to carry our message. Fortunately, it has been able to carry out its duty to the best of its ability through the use of powerful transmitters. Currently we have learned that a number of foreign countries have been trying to jam the broadcasts of various programs of the Voice of the Islamic Republic of Iran which are broadcast on various frequencies and languages to a number of nations of the world. What is your opinion and that of the organization on this, and what will be the organization's actions in response?

[Hashemi] The issue you have mentioned and especially the remarks by his holiness the imam are very correct. Our reason for proving this is that from the day we started strengthening our external service network -- this network mainly broadcasts the issues of Islam and Islamic values and has many listeners -- it upset the oppressive powers and puppet regimes. In this respect they spent a great deal of money and by the start of this year's hajj, the countries of the region, through both technical and mental facilities put at their disposal by advanced countries, have managed to jam 17 frequencies of the Islamic Republic of Iran and neutralize our voice. They put a whistle on it so that it becomes very difficult for those interested in the Voice of the Islamic Republic of Iran to hear it on these 17 frequencies and transmitters. We view this as the very deep effect that the Islamic revolution has had in the countries of the region and in the world and the effect of the very important role of the Voice and Vision, and especially the Voice of the Islamic Republic in carrying out its duty.

In addition, we consider this a danger for the countries which have committed this act. Their action is contrary to international conventions and laws, and in general, radio jamming is against international law. However, the oppression and the enemies of Islam, due to their fear of the Islamic Republic and Islam, do not stop at any crime and wrong action. They use chemical weapons in one place, bomb civilian areas in other places and also jam our voice by spending a great deal of money. As we have been successful in other fronts when in each case we first warned the enemy to stop or await our reaction, we are now at the point where we warn these countries who break the law that they should stop this. If they create a situation whereby others cannot hear our voice, the capabilities of the Islamic Republic will not be less than others, irrespective of the limitations that they have created for it. We can seriously jam radio transmissions in the region. If our broadcasts are jammed, if this war of jamming starts, then nobody will be able to hear our opposition either. They have now begun this dangerous game. The Islamic Republic, due to its patience, gives a warning first: Should they ignore this, then we will take action, use our capabilities, and create a condition whereby their radios are rendered useless. Making such a great deal of capital useless in this region of the world will not benefit anyone. However, I raise the point that the Islamic revolution has had its effect and they cannot stop the influence of the revolution by such acts, even though they may slow down activities in this respect.

May the lord's peace and benediction be upon you.

FURTHER ON VISIT BY CSSR FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER

Meets Agriculture Minister

LD211754 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 21 Aug 84

[Text] Bohumil Urban, Czechoslovak minister of foreign trade, who is visiting our country at the head of an economic and commercial delegation, met and had talks with Mr Zali, minister of agriculture and rural development, at noon today. During the meeting, while enumerating the highlights of agricultural plans in the Islamic Republic of Iran, the agriculture minister said: We desire a further expansion in our relations with countries that respect the just position of the Islamic revolution, and Czechoslovakia is among the countries with which we have successfully expanded our relations. Mr Zali then referred to the spheres of cooperation between the two countries and said: We can cooperate in various agricultural fields, including seed improvement, machinery, fish breeding, forestry and pastures, rural cooperatives, research, and exchange of specialists.

The Czechoslovak minister of foreign trade also emphasized the expansion of relations between the two countries and said: Since the inception of the Islamic revolution in Iran, Czechoslovakia has supported it and we desire further relations between the two countries. Mr Urban then expressed his country's readiness to cooperate in various irrigation systems and in the exchange of agricultural specialists and machinery. In conclusion, he invited our country's agriculture minister to visit Czechoslovakia.

Talks With Mines Minister

LD211920 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 21 Aug 84

[Text] Mr Urban, Czech minister of foreign trade, this morning met Mr Nili-Ahmadabadi, minister of mines and metals. This meeting was also attended by the plan and budget and economic and commercial undersecretaries of the Ministry of Mines and Metals.

Referring to the support of his country for the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mr Urban expressed his congratulations to Mr Nili-Ahmadabadi for the vote of confidence that he received from the Majlis and called for technical, economic, and educational cooperation between the two countries.

Referring to the cooperation existing between the two countries, the minister of mines and minerals of our country expressed hope that the difficulties in sending spare parts and packaging of goods received from Czechoslovakia will be eliminated. Responding to the request of the Czech minister of foreign trade about commercial exchanges in the field of minerals, he announced the readiness of the Islamic Republic of Iran to export lead, zinc, and chromium concentrates to Czechoslovakia.

KHAMENE'I RECEIVES AIR FORCE, IRGC COMMANDERS

LD211422 Tehran IRNA in English 1314 GMT 21 Aug 84

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 21, IRNA — The commander of Iran's Air Force, Colonel Hushang Seddiq met and conferred with President 'Ali Khamene'i Tuesday morning.

The commander submitted a report on the achieved state of self-sufficiency of the Air Force, particularly the second base of Tabriz, East Azarbaijan. He also provided the president with a report on the Air Force military status.

Earlier in the day, the commander of the Islamic Revolution's Guards Corps at Hamzeh Seyyed ash-Shohada headquarters, Br. Izadi, met and conferred with the president.

During the meeting, the IRGC official briefed the press on the situation of the headquarters theatre and the results of the victorious 'Fath' operations which resulted in the annihilation of positions of counterrevolutionaries in the area. He also reported on the warm welcome extended by Muslim Kurdish people of the area to the combatants of Islam Kurdish people of the area to the combatants of Islam and the unprecedented surrender of the deceived counterrevolutionaries to the officials.

In a separate meeting 'Abbas Zali, minister of agriculture, met and conferred with the president and presented him with a report on future programs of his ministry.

NEW JUSTICE MINISTER MEETS WITH PRESIDENT

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[Text] Tehran, Aug 21, IRNA — Justice Minister Dr Habibi met and conferred with President Khamene'i here today. In his meeting with the president the new minister in office presented to the president his proposed plans for a better coordination between the judiciary and executive powers as well as between the judiciary, legislative and parliamentary branches of the government. President Khamene'i, too, provided guidelines to the new minister for improving the performance of the justice system in Iran.

PRESIDENT CALLS FOR MASSES' CONTINUED SUPPORT

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[Text] Tehran, Aug 21, IRNA -- President Khamene'i said to a group of visiting people including the Majlis representative from the city of Hamadan, Ali Aqa Mohammadi here Tuesday that a revolution not commanding a people's support and not relying on them is extremely vulnerable and subject to fail.

He said ever since the triumph of the Islamic revolution the Iranian masses have been its principal bulwark and that in all likelihood it would continue like that in the future. He said no single government could possibly cope with the mass of problems facing it, and noted that even the unpopular governments often go a long way trying to somehow enlist the support of their people in order that those governments may continue to prevail.

Addressing the visiting people and masses at large, President Khamene'i called on them to remain forever in the political and social arena and further the aspirations of the Islamic revolution.

KHOMAYNI RECEIVES ABADAN FRIDAY PRAYERS LEADER

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[Text] Tehran, Aug. 21, IRNA -- Imam Khomeyni, the leader of the revolution and founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, received Hojjat ol-Eslam Jami, Abadan's Friday prayers leader, Tuesday.

In another development Tuesday, Hojjat ol-Eslam Fahri, the Imam's representative in Syria and Lebanon, called on him.

FREE VOICE OF IRAN ON KORDESTAN CLASHES

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[Text] According to the Free Voice of Iran correspondent in Kordestan, at the same time when Khomeyni officials have called on the combatant Kurds to surrender, they have also launched large scale attacks on the Kurdish-inhabited areas in Iran with great intensity.

The attacks used heavy weapons, artillery, and helicopters in the areas of Paveh, Saqqez, Sardasht, Baneh, and Marivan. Despite the fact that the attacks by the repressive forces of the guards and the mobilization members were very heavy, the Peshmergas and Kurdish combatants were able to inflict heavy casualties on the government forces with their perseverance and selflessness.

According to the same report, in this latest onslaught by the guards and mobilization members on the Kurdish-inhabited areas, hundreds of defenseless Kurdish families lost their lives and hundreds of homes were destroyed.

Armed Kurdish combatants attacked two bases in Ebrahim (Jula') and (Kureh Rahman) in the Sardasht region with RPG-7 rockets yesterday. In this attack, which lasted 4 hours, a large section of the guards' base and four of their barracks were destroyed.

In an attack on a guards' post last Sunday in Piranshahr, one personnel carrier was set on fire and five guards were wounded. On last Tuesday, the Kurdish combatants attacked a guards' base in Kuleh in the Sardasht region, killing 37 and wounding 7.

According to our correspondent, in the past few weeks, 26 attacks were made on guards' bases in Kordestan by armed combatants in which 91 guards were killed and 21 were wounded. In these same operations, the commander of the Sardasht Guards' base named (Havol) Amir Hushang-Amer was wounded.